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Patent Application No. 09/836,965

REMARKS

This amendment is made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312 in the above-identified application. In the Notice of Allowance dated May 18, 2007, all pending claims have been allowed.

The amendments above correct inadvertent grammatical errors in claims 3, 7-10, 12, 14, 16-18, 20-23, and 25-30. The amendments have been made to properly protect the subject matter claimed and disclosed. It is respectfully submitted that these amendments have no effect on the scope of the claims, nor is there any prosecution history estoppel created. It is submitted that these amendments are proper and justified. Further, it is submitted that these amendments do not require a new search or a substantial amount of work on the part of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

It is respectfully requested that this amendment made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312 be entered for the above referenced patent application, so that the application may proceed expeditiously to issuance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims pending in this patent application are still in condition for allowance. Entry of this amendment, reconsideration, and allowance of all the claims are respectfully solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Brian D. Wichner, Patent Agent, at (503) 439-6500 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

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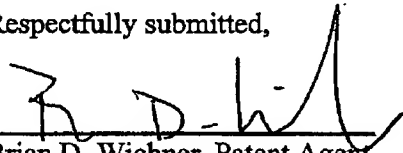
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Respectfully submitted,

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